

**SAMPLE OF A COMPLETED "PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM SURVEY"**

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**Program area:**

Infectious Disease

**Short title:** AIDS Awareness Program among ER Visitors of Anytown, CA  
**Program Location:** Greater Metro Area of Anytown, CA, Zip code 00000

**Objective & Goals:** *(Include specific information on the need & rationale for the program.)*

Anytown, CA public health officials noted an increase in HIV/AIDS rates and were particularly troubled to note that many infected individuals were unaware they were infected. The health department determined that in order to lower incidence rates and control the spread of the disease it would be necessary to make individuals aware of their HIV status and provide HIV positive individuals with information and support.

**Method:** *(How did you set about reaching your specified objectives and goals?)*

Anytown, CA public health staff determined that the best approach would be to work with four local emergency rooms to offer a free HIV/AIDS test to all those seeking admission to the metro area ER. Together these ER facilities see BLANK number of patients each year, many of whom represent the demographics with the highest HIV/AIDS incidence rates.

**Program Length:** *(Start and end dates.)*

The free screening effort began in July of 2006 and ended in June of 2008.

**Number of target population reached by effort:** *(Be as specific as possible.)*

Approximately BLANK% of ER visitors agreed to be screened for HIV. Given the number of ER visitors annually to these four ER rooms, Anytown, CA public health staff members have estimated that as many as BLANK people received a free screening test. This number coincides with the number of testing kits used during this time frame.

**Demographic Info:** *(Description of the population targeted including income level, ethnicity, rural/urban, etc.)*

BLANK% of those visiting these urban ERs were urban residents and BLANK% of ER visitors represented a minority population.

**Overall Cost:** *(per year)*

The HIV/AIDS free screening program cost Anytown, CA \$BLANK per year to operate. Material purchasing (\$BLANK) and staff time (\$BLANK) were the largest budget items.

**Funding Sources:**

BLANK % Federal [from the CDC]

BLANK % State

0 % Local

0 % Other, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Percentages are NOT estimates

**Outcomes:** *(Top-line data and specific health outcomes achieved as a result. If this data was not or could not be collected, briefly discuss why. Please indicate if this answer is an estimate.)*

Through this program, Anytown, CA public health staff tested more than BLANK people (over two years) for HIV/AIDS. Of this total, BLANK individuals were found to be HIV positive and of that number BLANK were previously unaware of their status. Counseling was offered to all those who tested positive. A total of BLANK individuals received information about the disease and learned how to avoid spreading HIV to their partner. Anytown, CA has seen a significant drop in new HIV/AIDS cases (from BLANK new cases in 2005 to BLANK new cases in 2008) since the program was launched. This is particularly among the populations served by these ER rooms.

**Did you make any estimates regarding costs deferred, outbreaks averted or deaths prevented?** *(Please explain the basis for your estimates or calculations.)*

No formal assessment was undertaken by a health economist due to costs, but Anytown's public health department has worked with the CDC and found that \$BLANK in medical costs can be saved from this effort. The testing kits used cost \$BLANK, providing a cost effective means to first screen, then educate the population. This program identified BLANK persons who did not know they were HIV positive at a cost of \$BLANK per person. Preventing these individuals from spreading the illness has been accomplished in many cases. Published estimates show that HIV/AIDS infections are estimated to cost the medical system \$BLANK per person per year.

**Additional Information:** *(Briefly note any information you feel might be helpful to readers about the value of this effort.)*

As has been found in several other jurisdictions, enabling patients to forgo signed consent forms showed a marked difference in the willingness of participants to participate in the effort.

**Future Plans:** *(How do the funding prospects for this program look moving forward? Are there plans to continue this effort, or are funds in danger of being cut back – and why?)*

Anytown, CA is experiencing major budget shortfalls and has received less state support than in past years. Funding for this program was terminated in the FY 2009 budget by the CA legislature.

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